

CRONIN A CRIMINAL.

It Seems Probable That the Doctor Had Very Good Reasons for Vanishing.

SENSATIONAL CONFESSION

Made by a Young Man Who Was Arrested on Another Charge.

THE TRUNK MYSTERY NOW EXPLAINED.

A Body Was Found in the Lake, but It Was That of a Woman—A Wild Night Ride—The Police Have Discovered Evidence Confirming the Story—Doctor Cronin Said to Have Been Seized by a Friend at Great-Oaks.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Dr. Cronin, of Chicago, is in a fair way to be dispelled. A young man arrested by the police has made a startling confession. He says that, in company with three men, one of whom he believes was Cronin, he took the body of a woman in a trunk to the lake and deposited it there. He was paid \$35 for his share of the work. A woman is missing from the locality described, and the police have discovered other evidence confirming the story.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The most startling incident in the mysterious case of the missing Dr. Cronin came out to-night. Thursday evening the Twelfth street officers arrested a young man who was trying to sell a white horse and a wagon in a lively stable near the police station.

The young man offered to part with the rig for the sum of \$10, and the suspicions of Foley, the lively stable man, were immediately aroused. He telegraphed to the station and the horse trader was taken into custody. He gave his name as John Brown, and after answering the routine questions always addressed to prisoners, his face blanched, his hands began to tremble and he fell in a dead faint.

The officers wondered at the time that their prisoner should appear so much concerned, but the reason was apparent next morning when he sent for Captain O'Donnell, and said he had something to tell him. He was taken into the Captain's office, and, in the presence of several officers, voluntarily unfolded the story of his connection with the trunk mystery.

A Strange Confession. To-day policemen investigated his story, and found it corroborated by many circumstances tending to show its truthfulness. Brown said his real name was Frank G. Woodruff, and that he was working for Deane & Co., a lively stable keeper at Webster avenue. His story told in his own words is as follows:

Wednesday night, while I was in the Owl Saloon on State street I met a man there that I had never seen before. He called himself Cronin, and he was a doctor. He said he was a friend of mine, and he was a doctor. He said he was a friend of mine, and he was a doctor. He said he was a friend of mine, and he was a doctor.

We exchanged confidences and among other things I told him that I was out of money. I told him I had lost considerable money playing cards, a great deal more than I could afford, and that I wanted to secure something to do that would pay me better than working for Deane & Co. He said he would give me a place of meeting at 2 o'clock. I went to bed at 11 o'clock in the room over the saloon, and the boys were asleep. I got out of bed as noiselessly as I could and walked down to the door where the horses are kept.

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Governor Beaver's Time Fully Occupied With the Passed Bills.

MAKING LAWS OF MANY OF THEM.

His Signature Attached to no Less Than Fifty Bills Yesterday.

SEVERAL OF THEM RATHER IMPORTANT.

The T. M. C. A. Bill One of the Important Ones at the First List.

The large number of bills left by the Legislature for the Governor to sign is rapidly being disposed of. Fifty was the record yesterday. The most important one was probably the bill providing punishment for bankers who receive deposits while cognizant that their banks are insolvent.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

HARRISBURG, May 10.—Governor Beaver is rapidly dispatching the bills which he is not to involve constitutional points or are not of doubtful propriety. To-day he had filed in the State Department about 50 acts signed by him. Among them are the bill providing for the incorporation and regulation of Young Men's Christian Associations, which caused considerable discussion in the Senate and House, owing to its alleged sectarian character. Another bill approved provides for the punishment of bankers who accept deposits while cognizant of the insolvency of the institution with which they are connected.

The Governor also signed a bill contemplating the forwarding to the Department of External Affairs of the returns of the various taxes levied in wards, boroughs and townships. These returns are to be secured by the commissioners of the several counties and by the Board of Revision of Philadelphia.

AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE.

The purpose is to ascertain how much money is appropriated for the support of the poor, and to determine whether the amount is sufficient to meet the needs of the poor.

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CAUSED BY A MINE DISASTER.

The Nanticoke mine disaster, which involved the death and burial of 27 persons, has not been forgotten by the Legislature.

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THEIR HAND PRAY.

Mr. Tanner spoke of the hard fate of the Confederate soldier. The crime of secession, and it was a crime, rested not upon the South, but upon the nation.

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SAD AND SINGULAR CASE.

A Veteran and His Family Found in a Desolate Condition.

Agent O'Brien, of the Humane Society, Major Hunker, of the Allegheny Port Board, and Health Officer Bradley, of Allegheny, were working jointly on a queer case.

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ON THE SOUTHSIDE.

Hills Closed Up—A Street Car Line Covered by a Wall—Out Post Avenue People Have to Vacate Their Homes.

The Southside suffered severely from the flood. Oliver Bros. & Phillips' South Fifteenth street mill was flooded so badly that the works had to be shut down. All of the hills back of the Yellow River on Second avenue, gave way about 10:30, a sewer broke.

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A CHILD IN DANGER.

A Neighbor Saves Mr. Murphy's Infant From Water in the Kitchen.

The back of the Yellow River on Second avenue, gave way about 10:30, a sewer broke. The rush of water and mud broke in the rear door of the house of W. J. Murphy, 269 Second avenue, covering the kitchen to a depth of 4 feet, the stove and furniture being buried.

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NARROW ESCAPES.

A Woman Chopped Out of a Flooded House in Soho.

There was an average of seven to eight feet of water in the houses which cling to the Soho hillside along that dangerous hollow between Fifth avenue and Forbes street. Several narrow escapes are reported so suddenly did the roaring torrents of water pour down the steep hillsides.

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DAMAGE IN LAWRENCEVILLE.

The Cable Cars Had to Stop—Big Sewers Overflowed and Filled Cellars—Houses Blown Down—Cellars Filled Up.

The damage done by the storm last night was probably greater than that caused for several years. Both cable car lines were closed, and the street was a scene of confusion.

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OVER IN ALLEGHENY.

Woods' Run Overflows Its Banks—Cellars Flooded—Fences Washed Away—Firemen Called to Save Property.

The storm in Allegheny was particularly severe, though no reports could be learned of accidents or houses blown down. The greatest consternation was felt by the residents in the Woods' Run district, where the sewers were utterly unable to carry off the large volume of water that rushed from the surrounding hills to the low lands.

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WIND, HAIL AND LIGHTNING.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

NEW CASTLE, May 10.—A terrific wind, hail and thunder storm passed over this city about 2 o'clock this afternoon, breaking windows and blowing down shade trees. During the storm the residents of the ex-Congressman James Reynolds was struck by lightning, and Mrs. Reynolds and a daughter were stunned by the shock.

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TANNER ON PENSIONS.

The General Makes a Speech Before the Senate on the Pension Bill.

THE FLOODS CAME.

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The storm that broke at 11 o'clock opened with a flash of lightning that struck one of the electric light wires on Fifth avenue and put out the lights for a long distance. The rain filled the conduits and poured into the Washington street power house in such a volume that the rhyolite could not handle it and it was necessary to stop the machinery in a short time, the vault being filled. The conduit of the Fifth avenue line was filled by the rush at Jones and Second.

The cellar along the street were filled. That under the house of Adam Sieman, opposite the power house, had three feet of water in it. Mr. Sieman says the change in the grade when the cable line was built is responsible for the trouble, and he talks of bringing a suit for damages. Guest Brothers' cellar, at Elm street, had over three feet of water in it, and a large quantity of flour was intended for use in their bakery was badly injured before it could be removed. Mrs. Rupper, at Washington street, had a stock of toys stored in her cellar, which were damaged by the rush of water. Almost every cellar along the avenue had from one to three feet of water in it, and the total loss will be considerable.

ON THE RAILROADS.

All Trains Are Delayed—The Tracks Covered With Water and Debris—Several Accidents Reported.

On the Pennsylvania Railroad all trains were delayed between Wallis station and the Union depot. There was but one wash-out, a small affair at Wallis, but the rush of water over the tracks had left dirt enough to make operating the road a trifle unsafe. The trains were stopped. At Twenty-eighth street the tracks were washed out, and the dirt was so deep that the trains were stopped. At Twenty-eighth street the tracks were washed out, and the dirt was so deep that the trains were stopped.

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